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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 14 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 17.

Identification of prior art discussed: Suzuki et al. (USPGpub-20020019262) and Jackel et al. (USPGpub-20010004956).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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DAVID FENSTERMACHER
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed the phrase "a damper mechanism being configured to connect elastically said flywheel to a crankshaft" in relation to the prior art. Discussed a proposed claim amendment regarding, "a protrusion projecting from the crankshaft in an axial direction" in an attempt to overcome the prior art of record. The proposed amendment does not appear to overcome the rejections. Discussed claim 17 regarding the attachment of the input member to the crankshaft in relation to the prior art.